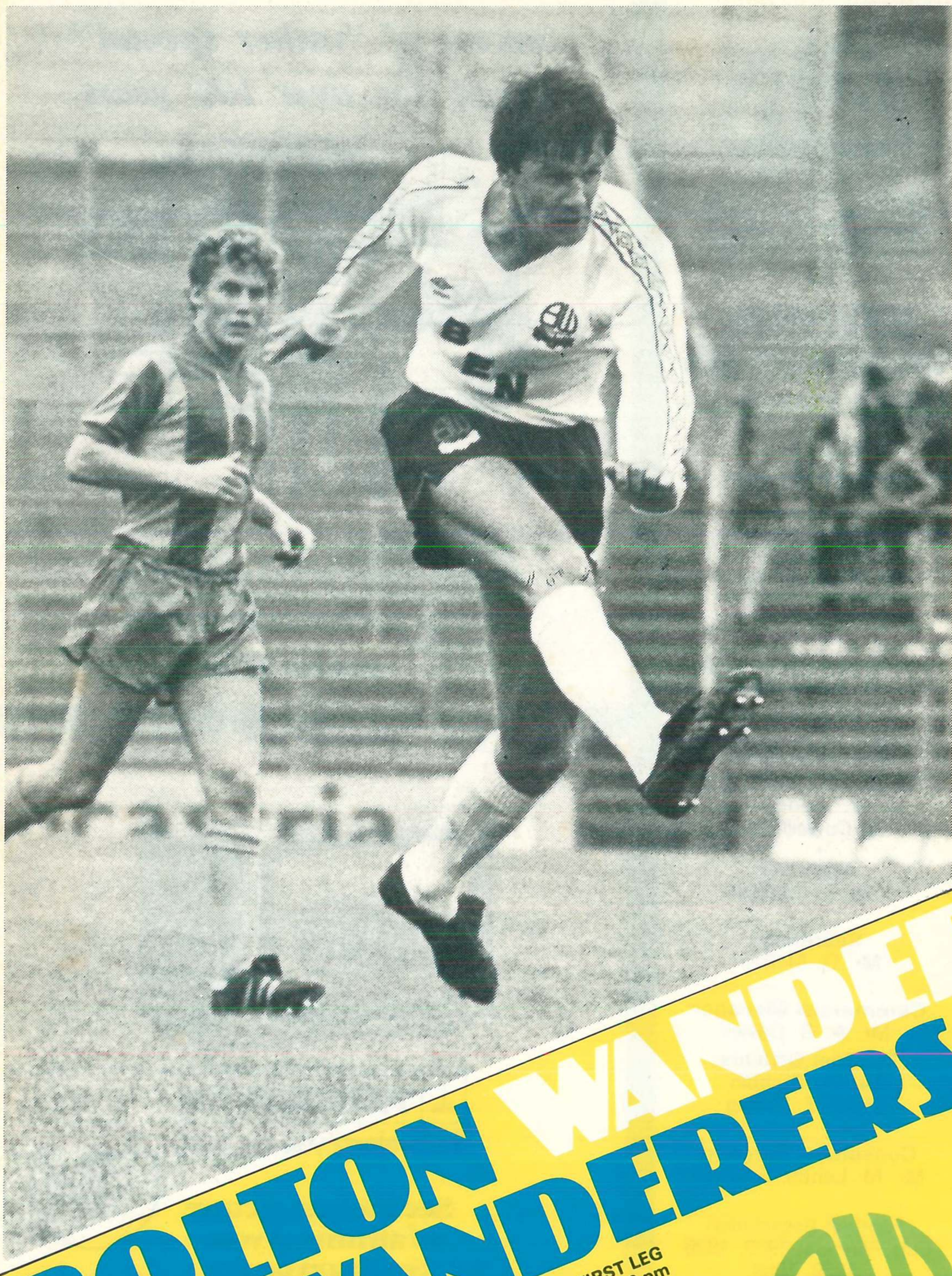




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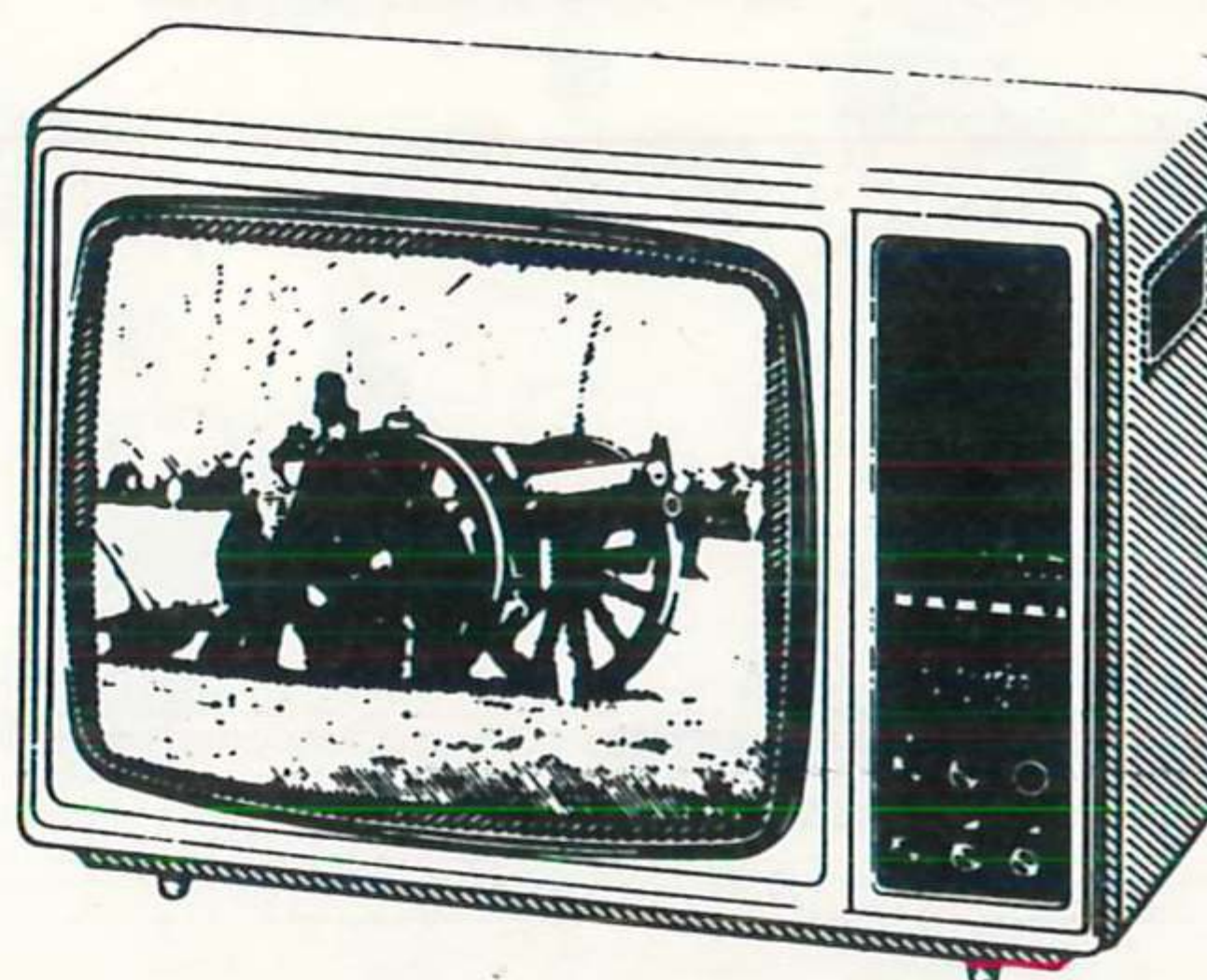
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George Mulhall writes

The new season is upon us again and I suppose we, the managers, are full of optimism with our new ideas and preparations for the new campaign.

I have good reason to believe we can do well in Division Two this season, purely and simply because we have a lot of quality players here — and that is the best criteria you can go on.

It is also going to be my intention to keep the public of Bolton well informed of the day to day running of THEIR football club in order to make them feel part of the set up here so that we can try to develop a family atmosphere at the club.

I have said quite a few times since my appointment as manager that we need a few new players, but that does not mean I am happy about losing players of the quality of Neil Whatmore or Peter Reid. Any manager will tell you that selling your best players is certainly no recipe for success — but nowadays with the freedom of contract regulations, there is often no alternative.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Jim McDonagh back to the club where he did so well when he was last here. With Terry Poole having

been released and Dennis Peacock on the transfer list, I must say that this was the one position which was giving me a lot of concern.

If Jim settles down and does as well as he did before, we will all be very happy.

As you will now be aware we were all shocked and saddened last week to hear of the sudden death of Jim Headrige who was trainer and physio-therapist here at Burnden Park for three years. Jim collapsed and died during a training session with his new club Manchester United — just a few short weeks after leaving us.

Jim was a popular and very well respected figure here and I can tell you his sudden death was a tragic blow to the players who knew him and worked with him — no one more than Peter Reid who owed Jim so much after the help and moral support given him during his long absence through injury.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Jim's wife and family.

It is a pleasure today to welcome our good friends from Oldham for what promises to be a highly competitive and entertaining League Cup tie.

The pleasure of course lies in meeting up again with two of our close friends, Latics manager Jimmy Frizzell and his assistant Bill Taylor. Oldham look a very useful side and the fact that they are a fellow Second Division outfit will give us a good pointer to our League fortunes.

THE LATICS



Back Row: Gary Hoolickin, John Bowden, John Platt, Peter McDonnell, Paul Futcher, Kenny Clements.
Middle Row: Bill Taylor, Asst. Team Manager/Chief Coach, Rodger Wylde, Martin Nuttall, Darren McDonough, Nick Sinclair, Andy Birchenough, Dougie Anderson, Jim Steel, Mark Cooper, Billy Urmson, Asst. Coach.
Front Row: Paul Atkinson, Steve Edwards, John Ryan, Jimmy Frizzell, Team Manager, Ged Keegan, Roger Palmer, Paul Heaton.

NO CUP OF JOY FOR OLDHAM

By Tony Pullein

It is a long time now since the Cup has provided much joy for Oldham. They haven't won a League Cup tie since overcoming Brighton in September 1977 and their last success in the F.A. Cup was a victory over Leicester in February 1979.

All such sequences have to end somewhere, of course, and Oldham manager Jimmy Frizzell will be looking for a lively display from his team tonight to give it a boost for what he probably considers is an even more important objective — a much higher position this season in the Second Division.

Having lifted the Latics from the Fourth Division to the Second over the years, Mr Frizzell believes the next logical step is a move up into the First Division. He said last season: "When you look at the clubs who have gone up in recent years, and those that have come down, we know that no one has a divine right to First Division status. Our aim must be to reach that goal."

Last season was a disappointment, though. The manager got to the point of frustration where he threatened to sack his entire team, and start building anew, if performances didn't improve.

He certainly experimented considerably with the line-up as the season continued but it was a pretty close thing at times and it wasn't until they scored a shock 2-1 victory at Luton in their penultimate match

that Oldham's Second Division status was secured for another season.

During the season Mr Frizzell sold striker Simon Stainrod to Queen's Park Rangers for £275,000 and used only £70,000 of that to buy Roger Palmer as his replacement. He also gave League debuts to a couple of his young players — striker Martin Nuttall and midfielder Darren McDonough.

The manager decided to have a big clear out at the end of the campaign. Those two veteran, but so-reliable, defenders John Hurst and Ronnie Blair have now gone, so has goalkeeper John Platt. Polish international midfield man Ryszard Kowenicki has now left, as have Mark Hilton and Steve Gardner.

Unless there has been any last-minute activity in the transfer market, Oldham will go into this new season with no new additions to their staff. Mr Frizzell appeared to be ready to give many of his young reserves a chance to prove themselves.

It will be interesting to see how he has selected his new-look defence for tonight's tie. With the rock-like John Hurst now gone, it could be that Paul Futcher will be pulled back into his old position, following a season revelling in the joys of midfield play.

The former Manchester City defender reckons centre-back is the easiest position on the field — and he certainly makes it look that way — and he found his new role a welcome challenge last season.

Again, Ged Keegan could be moved back into a full-back position, though his power in midfield might be of more value to the Latics as the new team takes shape.

More goals will be expected from Roger Palmer this season. There were times when he and Rodger Wylde appeared to be clicking as a partnership last season but far too many chances went astray. A little more sharpness in this department could mean the differences between another relegation dog-fight and a position of comparative safety.

We took three points from the Latics in Second Division games last season, drawing 1-1 at Boundary Park and winning 2-0 here.

Until quite late in the season, Oldham's away record was very poor indeed. By the turn of the year they had managed only one away win but that was an astonishing 2-1 success at Notts County — their only home defeat. After winning 3-2 at Orient in January, though, away results improved substantially. They then won at Cardiff (2-0), Preston (2-1) and Luton (2-1), that latter performance killing off Luton's promotion dream.

Oldham also drew at Shrewsbury (2-2), Wrexham (1-1) and Grimsby (0-0) and, in fact, they finished the season with the fillip of five unbeaten away matches.

As we mentioned above, Cup success was not to be. They lost in the first stage of the League Cup to Portsmouth (3-3 on aggregate, but inferior away goals) and, in an even more disappointing display, lost 0-1 at home to Fourth Division Wimbledon after a dour goalless affair at Plough Lane.

Jimmy Frizzell is now the second longest-serving manager in the Football League, having been in charge at Boundary Park since March 1970. Only Bobby Robson (Ipswich) is enjoying a longer unbroken spell with one club. Mr Frizzell also served the club as a player for a decade and he has now been at Oldham for a total of 21 years.

His success-rate as a manager matches the best. At the end of his first season in charge, the club was promoted to the Third Division and in 1974 they stepped back into Division Two. With only limited cash available for buying players, he has had to work for success the hard way. The end product has been a stable club that has been making steady strides forwards all the while he has been at the helm.

Though his current squad does not appear to have a promotion look about it, we should refrain from hasty judgments. But we should be able to glean a little about their prospects for the season from their display at Burnden Park tonight.

PETER McDONNELL (Goalkeeper) Though Peter lost his place last season he was back in the side for the closing matches. While with Bury, he made just one League appearance before transferring to Liverpool in 1974. With Ray Clemence in command at Anfield, his future looked bleak, though, and he has never regretted the £20,000 transfer to Oldham in 1978 which enabled him to step into League soccer.

NICK SINCLAIR (Defender) Nick filled the right-back spot for half of last season. An Oldham discovery, he made his League bow in 1978/79 but had to wait until last season for a further run.

GARY HOOLICKIN (Defender) Another player who has developed in the junior teams at Boundary Park. He made his first senior appearance in 1976/77 but has yet to claim a regular place.

KEN CLEMENTS (Defender) Oldham paid a then club record £150,000 to sign Ken from Manchester City two seasons ago and he has since filled one of the central defensive positions with distinction. He made his First Division bow for Manchester City in 1975 and completed 119 League appearances before his transfer.

PAUL FUTCHER (Defender/Midfield) Paul spend much of last season in midfield but it seems likely we may see him back in the centre-back spot in which he excelled in his early days. As a teenager, he was transferred from Chester to Luton for £100,000 in 1974 and Manchester City invested £350,000 in his signature four years later. Paul was capped 11 times by the England under-21s and, when he joined Oldham during the 1980 close-season, the £200,000 fee was an Oldham club record.

STEVE EDWARDS (Defender) Yet another player to come through the junior ranks, Steve played his first senior game for Oldham in 1977/78 and he completed 50 League appearances for them last season.

GED KEEGAN (Midfield) Ged played 37 First Division games for Manchester City before moving to Oldham for £25,000 three seasons ago. Normally a powerful midfield man, Ged can also play full-back.

PAUL HEATON (Midfield) Paul was still an apprentice when he made his League debut for Oldham in 1977/78. He won a regular place the following season and has been a member of the first-team squad ever since.

DARREN McDONOUGH (Midfield) Darren scored a goal on his League debut when Oldham scored a shock away win over Notts County last December and he held his place for the remainder of the campaign.

ROGER PALMER (Forward) Roger enjoyed a couple of dozen outings in Manchester City's First Division side and was transferred to Oldham for £70,000 last season. After a settling-in period, he scored six goals for his new club.

RODGER WYLDE (Forward) Rodger was Oldham's leading scorer with 12 goals last season. It was in 1972/73 that he first emerged as a League player with Sheffield Wednesday. In 1976/77 he was the Owls' leading marksman with 25 goals and he continued to score consistently until his £80,000 move to Oldham two seasons ago.

JIM STEEL (Forward) Jim was spotted in Scottish junior football and he made his first appearance in the Oldham side in 1978/79. For the past couple of seasons he has been holding his place in the attack.

PAUL ATKINSON (Forward) Paul has been in the side since making his League debut at the outset of the 1979/80 season.

MARTIN NUTTALL (Forward) Martin made his first League appearance at Orient last January. He made a total of seven appearances, scoring one goal.

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Club Scene

LEAGUE CUP HIGHLIGHTS

by ROY CAVANAGH and SIMON MARLAND

Tonight sees the start of the trail for the 22nd Football League Cup competition, first won by Aston Villa who beat Rotherham United over two legs.

It was a two legged Final for the first six years before moving to Wembley in 1967, when Third Division Queens Park Rangers shocked First Division West Bromwich Albion winning by 3 goals to 2 after being 2 goals down.

Bolton's best season came in 1976-77 when a single goal by Everton's Bob Latchford settled the second leg of the semi-final at Bolton, after a 1-1 draw at Goodison.

Our best victory was in the first season of the competition in 1960 when we recorded a 6-2 win over Grimsby Town here at Burnden Park.

Burnden saw the other side of the coin 11 years later when Chelsea inflicted our heaviest defeat by 6-0. This was after the teams had drawn at Stamford Bridge and we had thumped Manchester City by 3-0 in a previous round.

Chelsea were a top class side in those days reaching the final that season before losing to Stoke by 2-1.

Tonight's visitors, Oldham Athletic, have never been past the third round stage with a 3-0 win against Workington at Boundary Park in 1975 being their best victory. They suffered their biggest reverse at Roker Park in season 1962-63 when Sunderland defeated them 7-1.

Our paths have crossed once before in this competition when in round one of season 1972-73 we met at Burnden Park, with Bolton winning 3-0 before a crowd of 7,949. Two goals by Garry Jones and one from John Byrom put Bolton into round two where they were defeated 2-0 at Sheffield Wednesday. The teams from that previous meeting were as follows:

BOLTON. Wright C., Nicholson, Mowbray, Waldron, (Redfern), Jones P., Rimmer, Byrom, Jones G., Greaves, Wright R., Phillips.

OLDHAM. Dowd, Wood, Whittle, McNeill, Hicks, Cranston, McVitie, Shaw, Robins, Blair, Morrissey.

SPORTSMEN'S EVENINGS

Nat Lofthouse has again lined up a host of top sporting celebrities for his season of Sportsmen's Evenings at the Burden Executive Club.

The evenings have proved immensely successful and enjoyable in recent seasons and the programme, which begins later this month, promises to be better than ever, with a mixture of the controversial and the highly respected of figures from soccer and from the world of sport in general.

England soccer boss Ron Greenwood will be chief guest in January while Tommy Docherty and Brian Clough are lined up to add spice on other occasions.

The season gets under way on Monday Sept 14 when Nat renews acquaintances with his former arch-adversary Harry Gregg. Who can forget that highly-contested goal Nat scored at Wembley when Wanderers beat Gregg's team Manchester United in the 1958 FA Cup Final?

They're both extremely good pals now, though, and Gregg will be guest of honour at Nat's first event of the season.

Tickets are now available from the Executive Club at £12.50.

JIM HEADRIGE

Everyone here at Burnden Park was shocked and saddened last week to hear of the death of Jim Headrige our former physio and trainer.

Jim died after collapsing during a training session with his new club, Manchester United, at their training headquarters at The Cliff.

At 42, Jim was at the peak of his career and his death was a sad loss to football in general as well as a tragic blow to those who knew and respected him, for in addition to being one of the most respected figures in his field he was a most likeable man.

He had been with United only a matter of weeks, leaving Wanderers after three very happy years.

Jim came to us after a year in the United Arab Emirates where he coached and gave valuable help with instruction on the treatment of soccer injuries which was his speciality. He had been physio/trainer at Middlesbrough for 10 years where he worked alongside the official doctor to the English FA.

A Football Association staff coach and a member of the expert staff at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall, Jim was the FA's North-west Regional lecturer on the treatment of injuries and in his three years with Wanderers passed on much of his knowledge to local people with a series of instruction courses.

Jim's laughing manner will be sadly missed in the world of soccer and our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to his wife and family.

SHIRTS

During the summer we were delighted to announce a revolutionary shirt sponsorship agreement with the Bolton Evening News — the first of its kind.

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There has never been a sponsorship agreement of this kind between a football club and a well established and respected newspaper and both Wanderers and the Evening News are proud to again be leading the way.

Such an important link between two of Bolton's long-established institutions can only benefit the fans and the community in general and it is hoped that this new venture brings with it the measure of success our pioneering instincts deserve.



"JUNIOR WHITES" News

Welcome back to all of you for the start of the new season. Tonight's mascot is IAN WHARTON from Bolton. Saturday's programme against Luton Town will include all the news of the "Family Day" held last month and give details of our plans for the new season.

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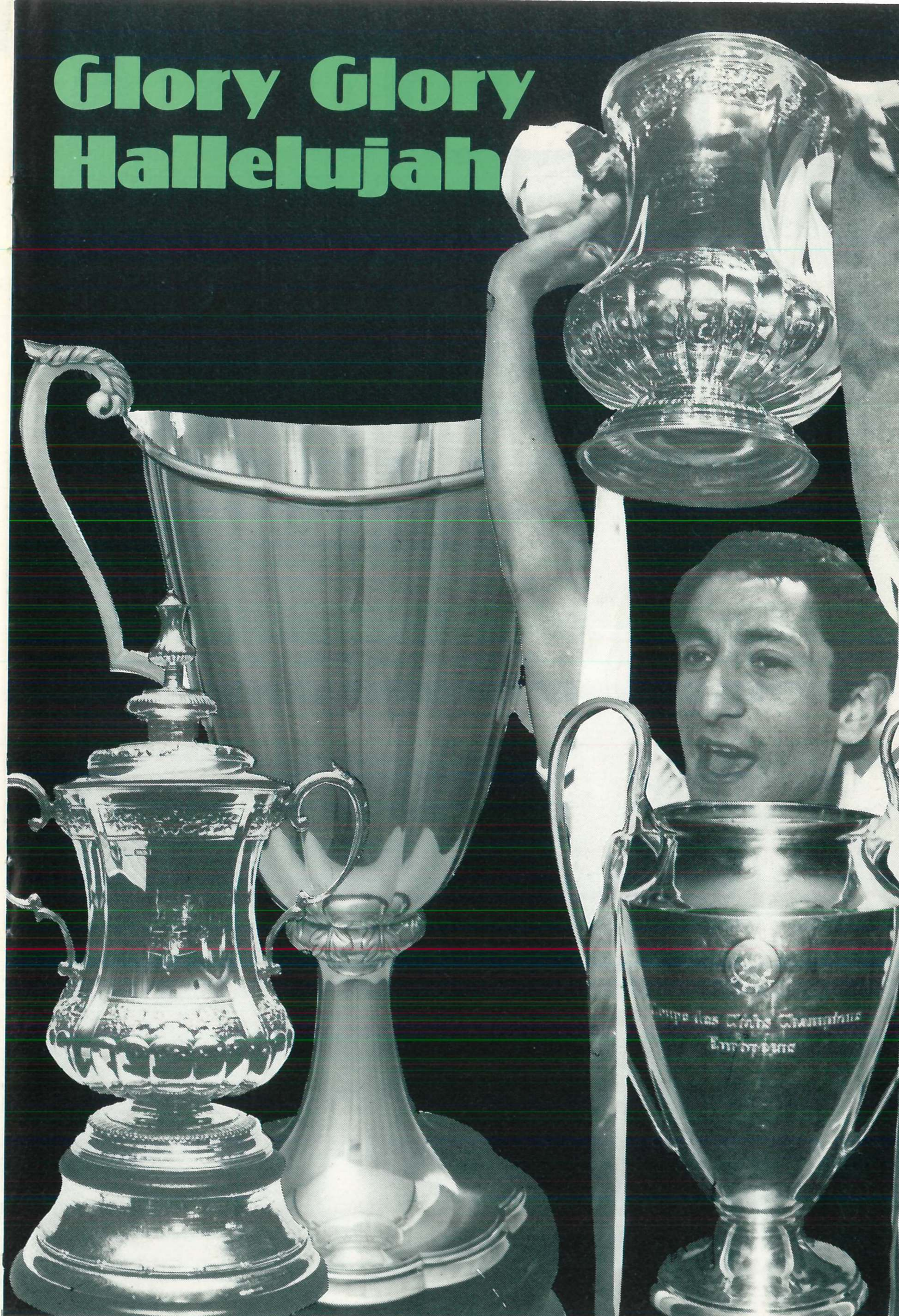
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There is nothing can replace the immediate finality of a cup competition, the commitment the hope and even despair, but for all the publicity and saturation these competitions command one cup still stands supreme 109 years on. And that is the Football Association 'Challenge Cup', known affectionately throughout the world as 'The Cup'.

Simply everything takes second place to 'The Cup', an historic piece of silverware that stirs English hearts more than any. And last May was a special milestone as Spurs met Manchester City in the one hundredth Final, a romantic interlude in the history of a competition that is the daddy of them all. It was a celebration, a recognition of a century of thrills, spills, shocks and controversy. A centenary of great occasions, great moments and great men.



The original F.A. Cup . . .
stolen from a shop
window.

It all began way back in 1871 when Gladstone and Disraeli were the leading political lights in Liberal mid-Victorian Britain. It was an age of class distinction; of the top-hat, the cloth cap and the old school tie; an age when industrial and social reform was beginning to take shape; when working hours were being governed and Saturday afternoons were to be free.

Football was in its infancy, poorly organised and lacking enterprise when seven club officials decided the game needed a fillip and on the 20th July 1871 they met in a small office of the Sportsman newspaper in London to discuss the matter.

It was to be a historic meeting of profound consequences although none could contemplate the repercussions of their deliberations at the time. For the seven wise men; Charles Alcock of the Wanderers, A. Stair from the Upton Park club, C. W. Stephenson of Westminster School, J. H. Gifford of the Civil Service club, D. Allport representing Crystal Palace, M. P. Betts of Harrow and Captain Marindin of the army there seemed no sense of occasion.

Eventually Charles Alcock who was also the Secretary of the F.A. from 1870 to 1895 launched his idea which had been inspired by a House knock-out competition he had participated in during his education at Harrow School. Alcock proposed: "It is desirable that a challenge cup should be established in connection with the Association, for which all clubs belonging to the Association should be invited to compete."

The idea received general approval and was later endorsed at a subsequent meeting held on October 16, 1871, when 15 clubs entered the first competition. Who could foresee then the birth of one of the greatest sporting events in the world!

COMPETITION

The Cup introduced competition to a sport which was purely friendly and such has been the magnetism of the ideal, that the Football Association now receive over 400 entries including those of Maidenhead and Great Marlow, the only two clubs to have entered all 100 Cup competitions.

March 16, 1872 . . . the day of the first Final. Two thousand people paid a shilling a head to watch the Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1-0, their first defeat in two years. The press of the day observed that "the excessive admission charge of one shilling had kept the attendance down."

Matthew Betts was the scorer of that historical goal, having played under a pseudonym because he was a member of Harrow Chequers, the club which had scratched against Wanderers in the first round.

Victory qualified Wanderers for the next year's Final and indeed this practice was to help the Wanderers dominate the competition in those formative years with five victories in seven years.

Another famous club to make its mark in those pioneering days was Blackburn Rovers. They completed a hat-trick of victories in consecutive finals from 1884 to 1886 and attracted 4,000 to their first Final against the Glasgow club Queens Park.

It was of course the golden age of the amateur in those early years although by the turn of the century the professional players were taking over. When that extraordinary character C. B. Fry; England footballer, Test cricketer, holder of the world long jump record and scholar, played for Southampton in the 1902 Final, he was one of only three amateurs taking the field.

He recalls: "I played for Southampton and we were top of the Southern League two years running and we got into the Final of the English Cup one year. That was really memorable.

"We were drawn against the Spurs and we played at Tottenham and we played at home, then we had to play again at Reading where the ground was marked out in blue, and we won in the last minute of extra-time.

"Then we beat Notts Forest in the semi-final and we played Sheffield United in the Final. We played them one Saturday and drew, we played them a fortnight after and drew. We played extra-time and they beat us by one goal. That was on the Saturday and on the Monday I played against Sussex for old W. G (Grace) and made 77." Yes it was all very sporting in those days.

So the famous Fry did not get his hands on the coveted F.A. Cup, although by then it was not the original trophy the teams were fighting for.

STOLEN

After Aston Villa had beaten W.B.A. 1-0 in the first all Midland final in 1895 — before 42,500 at the Crystal Palace — they carved their name indelibly into the history books by becoming the only club to win and lose the F.A. Cup in the same season.

This came about when they took the coveted trophy back to Birmingham and displayed it in the window of a local football and boot

OF THEM ALL

manufacturer. On the night of September 11, 1895, the Cup was stolen and despite the enducement of a £10 reward for its return, has never been seen again.

Aston Villa were fined £25 for losing the trophy and with the money the F.A. purchased a replacement cup which stayed in circulation until 1910.

It was then realised that the design of the cup had been duplicated in Manchester without consent and further that the F.A. were powerless to prevent it being circulated. So the F.A. Council decided a new trophy would have to be commissioned and they presented the existing cup to Lord Kinnaid in recognition of 21 years service as President of the Association.

The third cup — which is the one now held by Tottenham Hotspurs — was registered to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident and the pot itself cost 50 guineas.

WEMBLEY

The whole aspect of the F.A. Cup took on another meaning when in 1923 Wembley Stadium became the permanent stage for the Final which was to establish itself as the greatest showpiece in the game.

Alas the authorities in charge of the report did not realise just what pulling power their tournament had and completely underestimated the public's response. An estimated crowd of 200,000 forced their way into the new stadium to watch Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United do battle.

The flood of humanity spilled onto the pitch and while chaos reigned a young policeman on a white horse called Billy was to unwittingly become part of Cup history. With his horse he gradually cleared the playing area to enable the game to commence and Bolton went on to beat the Hammers 2-0.

The F.A. were not to be caught cold again. Since then the Final has always been an all ticket match with the attendance limited to 100,000.

What is it then that makes the Cup such a magical interlude to our season? No doubt the uncertainty of results has been one of the major

ingredients for success.

The sudden death atmosphere that has encouraged David to slay Goliath, the upstarts to overthrow the established. Yeovil, Peterborough United, York City, Bournemouth, Hereford, Norwich, Colchester, Leatherhead and Wimbledon are but some names who have tasted the sweet champagne of cup glory and the accompanying financial bonanza.

KEY

And perhaps here is the real key to why the Cup is held in such great esteem. For although all these clubs can claim success beyond their wildest dreams none of them have actually won the trophy.

It is the comparative success clubs can achieve without actually winning the tournament that makes the Cup such an attraction. Five clubs from the Third Division have reached the semi-final stage, Milwall in 1937, Port Vale in 1954 and 12 months later York City only went out after a replay as did Norwich against Luton Town in 1960. Ten years later it was the turn of Watford who lost to Chelsea at White Hart Lane.

Drama is probably the ideal word to sum up the moods of the Cup. The traumatic tensions of the competitors and their supporters exploding into joyous relief in an aura of triumph or sinking to the depth of despair in the face of defeat.

For Aston Villa — seven times winners — Blackburn Rovers, Tottenham and Newcastle United who have carried off the Cup six times, and five times winners Arsenal, and West Bromwich Albion, it represents a pinnacle of achievement. For the majority of clubs the thought of playing beneath the twin towers of Wembley in May remains but a distant dream. But who knows! One day one of the minnows from the Third or Fourth Division could surprise us all. Already this decade, highly fancied Leeds United and Manchester United have been shock losers in the final to Second Division opponents Sunderland and Southampton.

The mystery of the Cup will continue as long as there are competitors from different backgrounds and that is what it is all about.

Jubilation . . . as Tottenham embark on their celebration run after a thrilling win over Manchester City in last season's replayed final.



Europe Captures a Lucrative Market

Europe the Old World of football gave the game to the world but it is from South America that much has enriched the sport has come.

From touch play and technique to floodlighting, South America has led the way and it might surprise many to learn that European club competitions which are now an accepted part of our football season owe their origin to that continent across the Atlantic.

Long before FIFA had taken shape the South American's had founded an organisation comprising all their association's in order to organise and administer competitive tournaments between their countries. The potential of such an organisation was not quickly realised in Europe although France's top administrators had been thinking on those lines.

Indeed the idea of a competitive European tournament had been simmering for years but after much debate it was decided that it would be

Time to celebrate as goal hero John Wark turns after scoring Town's second goal in Amsterdam against AZ '67 Alkmaar.



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impracticable to organise one for national teams on the lines of the South Americans. It was then that the notion of a club tournament came into being.

It sounded great, but even so hot air seemed more prevalent than decisive action. It was then that the editor of the French daily sports newspaper L'Équipe decided to take a hand, and his organisation invited the representatives from 18 major clubs to a meeting in Paris.

Sixteen turned up: Honved; Real Madrid; S.C. Anderlecht; Rapid Vienna; A.C., Milan; Hibernian; Partizan Belgrade; Sporting Lisbon; Djurgarden, from Stockholm; F.C. Saarbrücken; Servette; Hollands-Sports, from Amsterdam; Rot-Weiss; Stade Reims; K.B., Copenhagen and Chelsea from England.

The principles of a European club competition were agreed and it was decided that the first tournament would consist of the sixteen invited clubs but that subsequent competitions would be between the winners of their respective League Championships.

Ties would be played on a home and away basis to make them fairer and provide more revenue. Home clubs kept the gate receipts but were responsible for the visitors travel and accommodation expenses.

The French F.A. were notified and FIFA accepted the competition at an executive committee meeting on May 8, 1955 . . . the "Coupe des Clubs Champions Européens", the European Champion Clubs Cup was born.

REAL CHAMPIONS

Alas Chelsea did not take their place in that first tournament. The English champions were advised by the Football League Management Committee to withdraw because domestic competitions were more important and they might find it difficult to cope with the extra games. The 'Blues' took the hint, but twelve

months later the new English champions Manchester United rejected the League's suggestion, and no doubt impressed by Hibs run to the semi-final in the previous season, which netted the Scottish club a profit of £25,000, decided to enter Europe.

They proved a great attraction and thrashed Anderlecht 2-0 and 10-0 in the qualifying round. In the First Round Proper Borussia shocked United coming back from a three goal deficit to lose 3-2 in the first leg, but Busby's team held out for a 0-0 score in the second leg in Dortmund.

Bilbao were then despatched on a 6-5 aggregate as Manchester United sailed into the semi-final and the first of their titanic struggles with the European masters and holders of the Cup, Real Madrid. The Spanish won this one 3-1 at home and 2-2 in Manchester and then went on to retain their trophy in the final against Fiorentina.

There was no question, Real Madrid were an outstanding side going on to win the European Cup in five consecutive seasons and as it happens this pattern has emerged throughout the 25 years the tournament has been run.

REVOLUTION

In 1961 Benfica smashed the Spanish stranglehold by beating Barcelona 3-2 in the Final in Berne. And they repeated their performance the following year with a 5-3 victory over Real Madrid when the legendary Puskas netted a hat-trick for Madrid.

It was next the turn of the Italians with AC Milan taking the trophy in 1963 and Inter-Milan retaining it for the following two years. Real Madrid came back with a 2-1 win over Partizan Belgrade in the final of 1966 and then it was Britain's turn.

Celtic took the honours in 1967 and the following year Matt Busby achieved his life's ambition with

United's thrilling 4-1 triumph over Benfica in extra time at Wembley. Two goals from Bobby Charlton, and one each from George Best and Brian Kidd sealed an emotional occasion and it seemed only right that United, the club that despite authority, had gone out to pioneer the European game should be the League's first holders of the European Cup.

Although AC Milan proved victorious in 1969, their opponents Ajax warned that a Dutch revolution was under way. Sure enough they took the Cup the next season through Feyenoord and Holland's emergence was further endorsed by a hat-trick of victories from Ajax between 1971-73.

The next three years were Germany's, with Beckenbauer, Hoeness and Roth stroking Bayern Munich to a triple crown of victories over Atletico Madrid, Leeds United and St. Etienne. But then Liverpool asserted themselves in 1977 to trigger off the domination of the English game, which has proved as emphatic as that five year sequence of Real Madrid's.

The Merseysiders held the European Cup in 1977 and '78 followed by Nottingham Forest 1979 and '80 and then last season Liverpool again. And how fitting that this latest triumph should be over the past masters Real Madrid!

The European Cup has been a resounding success and it is little wonder that the idea has been further developed with the introduction of the European Cup-Winners Cup in 1960-61 and the streamlining of the old Fairs Cup which was replaced by the now important UEFA Cup in 1971.

Just as the FA Cup was the forerunner of the Football League, the European Cup could eventually lead to a European Super League or even a world wide club tournament. At the present this is only conjecture but football has come a long way since 1872 despite the short sightedness of some administrators.

FAIRS CUP FINALS

(Aggregate Scores)

1958	Barcelona	8	London	2
1960	Barcelona	4	Birmingham City	1
1961	AS Roma	4	Birmingham City	2
1962	Valencia	7	Barcelona	3
1963	Valencia	4	Dynamo Zagreb	1
1964	Real Zaragoza	2	Valencia	1
1965	Ferencvaros	1	Juventus	0
1966	Barcelona	4	Real Zaragoza	3**
1967	Dynamo Zagreb	2	Leeds United	0
1968	Leeds United	1	Ferencvaros	0
1969	Newcastle United	6	Ujpest Dozsa	2
1970	Arsenal	4	Anderlecht	3
1971	Leeds United	3*	Juventus	3

UEFA CUP FINALS

1972	Tottenham Hotspur	3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2
1973	Liverpool	3	Borussia Munchengladbach	2
1974	Feyenoord	4	Tottenham Hotspur	2
1975	Borussia Munchengladbach	5	Twente Enschede	1
1976	Liverpool	4	FC Bruges	3
1977	Juventus	2	Athletico Bilbao	2±
1978	PSV Eindhoven	3	SEC Bastia	0
1979	Borussia Munchengladbach	1 1	Red Star Belgrade	1 0
1980	Borussia Munchengladbach	3 0	Eintracht Frankfurt	2 1
	(Eintracht won on away goals)			
1981	Ipswich Town	3 0	AZ67 Alkmaar	2 4

EUROPEAN CUP FINALS

1956	Real Madrid	4	Stade de Rheims	3
1957	Real Madrid	2	Florentina	0
1958	Real Madrid	3	AC Milan	2**
1959	Real Madrid	2	Stade de Rheims	0
1960	Real Madrid	7	Eintracht Frankfurt	3
1961	SL Benfica	3	Barcelona	2
1962	SL Benfica	5	Real Madrid	3
1963	AC Milan	2	SL Benfica	1
1964	Inter Milan	3	Real Madrid	1
1965	Inter Milan	1	SL Benfica	0
1966	Real Madrid	2	Partizan Belgrade	1
1967	Celtic	2	Inter Milan	1
1968	Manchester United	4	SL Benfica	1
1969	AC Milan	4	Ajax Amsterdam	1
1970	Feyenoord	2	Celtic	1**
1971	Ajax Amsterdam	2	Panathinaikos	0
1972	Ajax Amsterdam	2	Inter Milan	0
1973	Ajax Amsterdam	1	Juventus	0
1974	Bayern Munich	4	Atletico Madrid	1 0
1975	Bayern Munich	2	Leeds United	0
1976	Bayern Munich	1	St Etienne (Fra)	0
1977	Liverpool	3	Borussia Munchengladbach	1
1978	Liverpool	1	FC Bruges	0
1979	Nottingham Forest	1	Malmoe	0
1980	Nottingham Forest	1	SV Hamburg	0
1981	Liverpool	1	Real Madrid	0

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP FINALS

1961	Florentina	4	Rangers	1+
1962	Atletico Madrid	3	Florentina	0
	(After 1-1 draw)			
1963	Tottenham Hotspur	5	Atletico Madrid	1
1964	Sporting Lisbon	1	MTK Budapest	0
	(After 3-3 draw)			
1965	West Ham United	2	Munich 1860	0
1966	Borussia Dortmund	2	Liverpool	1**
1967	Bayern Munich	1	Rangers	0**
1968	AC Milan	2	SV Hamburg	0
1969	Slovan Bratislava	3	Barcelona	2
1970	Manchester City	2	Gornik Zabrze	1
1971	Chelsea	2	Real Madrid	1
	(After 1-1 draw)			
1972	Rangers	3	Dynamo Moscow	2
1973	AC Milan	1	Leeds United	0
1974	FC Magdeburg	2	AC Milan	0
1975	Dynamo Kiev	3	Ferencvaros	0
1976	RSC Anderlecht	4	West Ham United	2
1977	SV Hamburg	2	Anderlecht	0
1978	RSC Anderlecht	4	Austria Wien	0
1979	Barcelona	4	Fortuna Dusseldorf	3
1980	Valencia	0	Arsenal	0
	(Valencia won on penalties)			
1981	Dinamo Tbilisi	2	Carl Zeiss Jena	1

THE LEAGUE CUP HAS COME OF AGE

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP was surely the ugly duckling of the professional game when it was first launched on an unresponsive public in 1960. Dismissed as a further incumbrance on an already cluttered programme by many of the more sophisticated clubs, whose eyes were turning towards the lucrative European circuit, the League Cup was virtually relegated to a second class status before it even began.

Certainly the media treated it with disdain even though in yet another of those periods of crisis that seem all too frequently to haunt the game, the idea had been conceived by the Football League Management Committee as a means to generate more liquid assets through the turnstiles, for its impoverished and hard-up clubs.

Alas many of the established bastions of the League's hierarchy felt that the closed-shop competition was designed more to help the minnows than themselves, but even so it is strange to relate that despite the opposition the clubs did agree by 31 votes to 15, to inaugurate the Football League Cup competition at their AGM in May 1960.

Prudently the organisers made entry optional and surprise surprise, only five clubs abstained from that inaugural competition. True within two years the entrants had decreased to 80 clubs but even so the majority were obviously gaining some recompence from the enterprise.

TAKEN-OFF

The format was quite simple with the first five rounds being played on a straight knock-out basis and the semi-final and final played over two legs home and away. It was perhaps the idea of playing those two final games over two legs which took the spice out of the League Cup . . . the magic of the sudden death game was sadly missing.

Then in 1966 the competition was revitalised when it was decided to move the final to a one off game at Wembley Stadium. The prospects of a Wembley final sparked off a flood of enthusiasm and the entries for the 1966-67 competition rose to 90. At last the Football League Cup had taken off.

Since then there have been several minor adjustments to the rules such as making the second round a two legged affair in order to give the smaller clubs a chance of two bites at the cherry and of course earn additional revenue. But the two major factors in making the League Cup one of the major domestic competitions it has now become, is the fact that the winners automatically qualify for a place in the UEFA Cup and the lucrative financial returns at the end of the rainbow.

Just see how the gate receipts have rocketed. In that first Wembley Final in 1967, a crowd of 97,952 paid £57,000 for the privilege of watching. By 1976 those returns were up to £299,601.16p to be precise and by

last season a full-house paid £603,000 to watch Liverpool draw with West Ham United . . . yes the Football League Cup is now a major source of income.

Although cash and the lure of a place in Europe undoubtedly secured the support of the major clubs and made the League Cup an essential ingredient to the season there is far more to it than that. It has quite clearly developed its own tradition. The League Cup is about people and clubs no matter what their status.

If you really want to send the adrenalin pumping then what better way than seeing David slay Goliath and the Football League Cup has certainly provided its fair share of upsets in this direction. Right from the kick-off in that very first round in the autumn of 1960 when Colchester thrashed Newcastle United 4-1, Darlington beat Crystal Palace 2-0 and Ipswich Town lost at home to Barnsley 0-2, the little clubs have made the headlines and basked in the glory and unlike the F.A. Cup, they have managed to go all the way.

Unfashionable Rotherham United reached the Final in that first season and took a 2-0 lead over Aston Villa in the first leg, through Webster and Kirkman before 12,226 jubilant fans at Millmoor. However Villa stormed back before their own fans (27,000 of them) and goals from O'Neill, Burrows and McParland secured a 3-2 aggregate win and so Aston Villa became the first holders of the new trophy.

The cause of the minnows was further boosted the following season when Rochdale became the only Fourth Division side to reach the final of a major competition. They lost 4-0 on aggregate to Norwich City who were then in the Second Division, but although the memories of that glorious achievement will slowly fade with time, the record of Rochdale's final will never be erased.

FIRSTS

Even the prospect of playing at Wembley could not keep the upstarts down. In that first final in the famous old stadium W.B.A., seemingly had an easy test against Third Division Queens Park Rangers who had made history by becoming the first Third Division club to reach a major final.

It was real Roy of the Rovers stuff with Albion cruising comfortably into a two-nil lead. With only fifteen minutes left all looked lost for the Londoners until the flamboyant and at times miraculous Rodney Marsh took over and ripped the Throstles apart. Amazingly Rangers pulled back the deficit through Morgan and Marsh and then clinched victory with a third goal from Mark Lazarus in what must be one of the most exhilarating finale's to any final. Q.P.R. had become the first Third Division side to win a Wembley final.

No sooner had the euphoria of that magnificent triumph died down before the feat was being repeated. It was 1969 and the mighty Arsenal fresh from their



Excitement breaks out at Wembley as the ball goes in the net to give Swindon their first goal, scored by Smart in the Football League Cup Final against Arsenal

semi-final victory over rivals Spurs, were set to meet little Swindon Town.

The result seemed a foregone conclusion as the 'Gunners' firing on all cylinders pounded the Swindon goal in the opening 20 minutes but they could not beat the defiant Peter Downsbrough.

In the 34th minute Roger Smart made the most of a defensive mix-up in the Arsenal area and Swindon were in front. It was a lead they were to hold until four minutes from time when Bobby Gould gratefully slipped in the equaliser to force extra time.

GREATEST HOUR

Arsenal who had been struck by flu the week prior wilted on what must have been one of the heaviest and worst prepared Wembley pitches ever. Their strength sapped by the atrocious conditions they offered no further resistance when Don Rogers finished a long run to shoot past Bob Wilson on the stroke of half-time. Rogers added a second to seal a formidable 3-1 scoreline over one of the most famous clubs in the world.

Swindon Town had experienced their greatest hour and secured their first trophy since winning the Southern League in 1911. "Summat out of the ordinary," is the way their then manager Danny Williams described it.

But then success in the Football League Cup has proved to be the right of the underdog. In 1971 another Third Division club made the final in the shape of Aston Villa. They lost 2-0 to Tottenham Hotspurs but were back again in 1975 — this time as a Second Division club — to play Norwich City.

And then in the 1979-80 series Swindon Town nearly did it again losing just 4-3 on aggregate to Wolves in the semi-final. The League Cup has undoubtedly shared the glory around the more unfashionable corners of the League.

Who will forget that magnificent footballing final of 1972 when Stoke City thrilled us all and overcame Chelsea to win their first major title since their inception in 1863. It was a personal triumph for one of the master craftsmen of the game George Eastham, who scored the winning goal.

Then there was the memorable Dennis Tuert goal when he fired the ball over his head to clinch victory for Manchester City over Newcastle in 1976 and the titanic struggle between Nottingham Forest and Southampton in 1979 when Forest became the first side to retain the trophy by defeating the Saints 3-2.

All great football. And then last season the 21st League Cup Final provided a spectacular replay between Liverpool and West Ham United, Liverpool eventually clinching the Cup that has eluded them for so long . . . The Football League Cup had come of age.

The Greatest Show On Earth

THE WORLD CUP a colourful extravaganza of football knock-out system, and they finished a point behind prized trophy in international football, has come a long long way since 1930. Then 13 countries contested the first series in Uruguay to fulfil the original aims of FIFA the world governing body.

And next summer in Spain 24 finalists will participate in the biggest footballing circus this century as the 12th World Soccer Championship series reaches its climax.

The competition itself is a mixture of the ideals of League and Cup. The teams being grouped into mini-leagues to first determine the lucky finalists and then to determine the last four in the Final series when the later stages are played on a straight knock-out system.

It had taken many years of discussion and deliberation before that first competition was eventually arranged and the final principles on which that first World Cup tournament would be run, were not formulated until the Congress meeting in Barcelona in May 1929.

At the time Italy, the Netherlands, Hungary, Sweden and Uruguay were all eager to stage the inaugural festivities. But when it was proposed that the organising national F.A. would be responsible for the transport and accommodation expenses of referees, members of the organising committee (FIFA) and the competing teams, their eagerness somewhat waned.

The financial implications of supporting all those people for up to ten weeks — for remember the contestants all had to travel by sea — was somewhat foreboding and in the end Uruguay the Olympic soccer champions of 1924 and 1928 were vested with the responsibility.

Although the entire financial burden was borne by the South American's the prospect of making such a long and hazardous journey frightened off even some of Europe's most ardent protagonists for the tournament, and in the clear light of day just Belgium, France, Rumania and Yugoslavia remained to make the trip to Montevideo. They were joined by Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Paraguay, the U.S.A., and of course Uruguay the home nation which went on to win the competition, defeating Argentina in the final 4-2.

Despite the trepidation, that first series turned out successfully with four gates over the official maximum of 80,000. In every respect it had been a striking victory for the pioneers and those European contestants returned home with healthy bank balances.

Thirty-two nations entered the next tournament which was hosted by Italy, and a preliminary qualifying tournament was introduced. Although such countries as Haiti, Cuba, Egypt, Palestine, Estonia and Lithuania participated only Ireland represented the home countries and they were eliminated from the qualifying group by the Netherlands and Belgium.

UNEXPLAINABLE

Indeed the English F.A. took a singularly insular attitude towards the World Cup tournament and shunned it completely until

Only six countries have won the World Cup: Brazil three times, Italy, Uruguay and West Germany twice each and England and Argentina.

WORLD CUP FINALS 1930-78

Date	venue	winners	runners-up
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay 4	Argentina 2
1934	Italy	Italy 2	Czechoslovakia 1
1938	France	Italy 4	Hungary 2
*1950	Brazil	Uruguay	Brazil
1954	Switzerland	W. Germany 3	Hungary 2
1962	Chile	Brazil 3	Czechoslovakia 1
+ 1966	England	England 4	W. Germany 2
1970	Mexico	Brazil 4	Italy 1
1974	W. Germany	W. Germany 2	Holland 1
+ 1978	Argentina	Argentina 3	Holland 1

* Tournament concluded on a league basis — no final game

+ After extra-time

1950 when they agreed to enter the fourth tournament in Brazil.

However we were soon cut down to size not as might have been feared by one of the South American powers but by the U.S.A. England had started with an uninspired 2-0 win over Chile and then travelled north to Belo Horizonte to meet the Americans. What transpired remains unexplainable, for England fielding such great names as Bert Williams, Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright, Tom Finney, Mannion, Mortensen and Mullen were humiliated by a hot-potch American side which went on to win 1-0.

England's entry into the World Cup had proved disastrous. We did reach the quarter-final stages in 1954 and 1962 but it wasn't until the tournament was staged in England in 1966 that we made any real impression on the world game. Then of course Alf Ramsey led England to victory and four years later made a very good attempt to retain the trophy in the rarefied atmosphere of Mexico.

But it is to South America where you have to look for the real success story and to Brazil a country of seemingly unlimited natural resources. Surprisingly they failed to capitalise on home advantage in 1950, when a final pool was introduced to replace the knock-out system, and they finished a point behind Uruguay. However since their emergence as a super power in 1958, the Brazilians have remained a dominant figure in world football winning the World Cup on three occasions in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

Football is a universal language and the plain fact that FIFA has more member countries — 145 — than the United Nations gives credence to the belief that the international game plays a major role in helping to maintain world peace. Competition of the calibre of the World Cup helps unite nations for football is a game which ignores race, religion and politics and as long as it can remain above such matters the World Cup will continue to be the greatest show on earth.



BOLTON RECORD

Part 44
Season 1935/36

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	2-1	1-1
Aston Villa	4-3	2-1
Birmingham	2-0	0-0
Blackburn	3-1	3-0
Brentford	0-2	0-4
Chelsea	2-3	1-2
Derby	0-2	0-4
Everton	2-0	3-3
Grimsby	4-0	1-3
Huddersfield	1-2	0-0
Leeds	3-0	2-5
Liverpool	0-0	1-1
Manchester City	3-3	0-7
Middlesbrough	3-1	0-0
Portsmouth	4-0	1-2
Preston	1-1	0-1
Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	2-2
Stoke	1-2	2-1
Sunderland	2-1	2-7
W.B.A.	3-1	2-2
Wolves	0-3	3-3

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

appearances

Atkinson J. E.	39	Kirkman G.	1
Clark T. G.	3	Milsom J.	34
Cook W.	31	Nicholson G.	1
Connor J.	2	Rimmer J. W.	13
Currier J.	7	Smith R.	3
Eastham G. R.	34	Swift F.	21
Finney A.	40	Taylor G.	34
Goldsmith G.	16	Taylor G. T.	42
Goslin H.	41	Tennant J.	20
Hurst G.	5	Walton G.	13
Jones R.	21	Westwood R. W.	40
		Woodward T.	1

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3 — Blackburn (a)	1-1
(h)	0-1

League goalscorers

Milsom	20	Currier	4
Westwood	17	Goslin	3
Cook	7	Rimmer	1
Taylor G. T.	7	Atkinson	1
Eastham	5	opponents	2

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	42	25	6	11	109	74	56
Derby Co.	42	18	12	12	61	52	48
Huddersfield	42	18	12	12	59	56	48
Stoke C.	42	20	7	15	57	57	47
Brentford	42	17	12	13	81	60	46
Arsenal	42	15	15	12	78	48	45
Preston N.E.	42	18	8	16	67	64	44
Chelsea	42	15	13	14	65	72	43
Manchester C.	42	17	8	17	68	60	42
Portsmouth	42	17	8	17	54	67	42
Leeds U.	42	15	11	16	66	64	41
Birmingham	42	15	11	16	61	63	41
Bolton W.	42	14	13	15	67	76	41
Middlesbrough	42	15	10	17	84	70	40
Wolverhampton W.	42	15	10	17	77	76	40
Everton	42	13	13	16	89	89	39
Grimsby T.	42	17	5	20	65	73	39
W.B.A.	42	16	6	20	89	88	38
Liverpool	42	13	12	17	60	64	38
Sheffield W.	42	13	12	17	63	77	38
Aston Villa	42	13	9	20	81	110	35
Blackburn R.	42	12	9	21	55	96	33

Pre-Season Friendlies match details by Simon Marland

5th August 1981 v Macclesfield Town, Away. Won 1-0.

Team. Peacock, Jenkins, Kay, Murphy, McElhinney, Hoggan, Thomas, Thompson, Carter, Taylor, Bennett. Subs. Atherton, Conway, Gratton. A second half goal from Mike Carter was enough to win the game against the Northern Premier Leaguers who included in their team former Wanderers players Ian Holbrook and Geoff Gay.

10th August 1981 v Hartlepool United, Away. Won 3-2.

Team. McDonagh, Nicholson, Brennan, Reid, Jones, Gowling, Nikolic, Cantello, Thomas, Whatmore, Bennett. Subs. Peacock, Berry, Thompson, Foster.

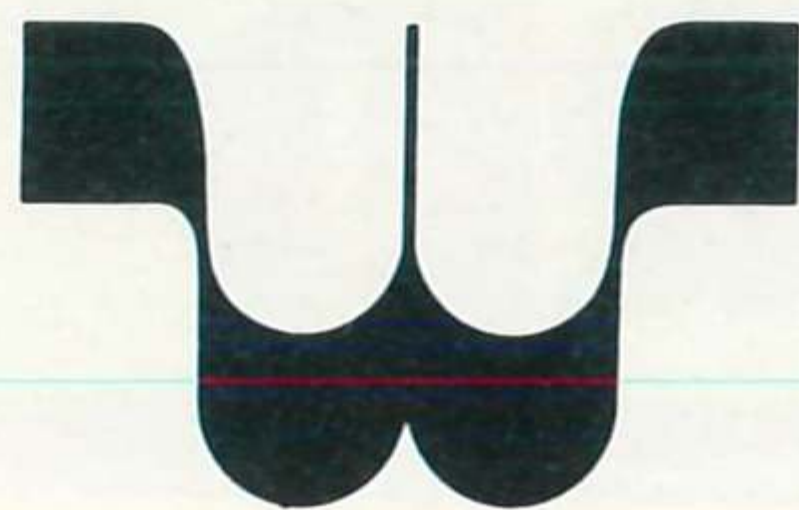
After a goalless first half the Wanderers twice came back from behind to win an entertaining game with goals from Whatmore (2) and Foster.

13th August 1981 v Northwich Victoria, Away. Won 2-1.

Team. Farnworth, Berry, Kay, Murphy, McElhinney, Hoggan, Atherton, Thompson, Rudge, Taylor, Bennett. Subs. Fitzharris, Gratton, Walsh, Mulligan, Saunders, Barton.

Goals from Rudge and Gratton one in each half, defeated a strong Alliance Premier League side who included in their side former Wanderer Garry Jones.

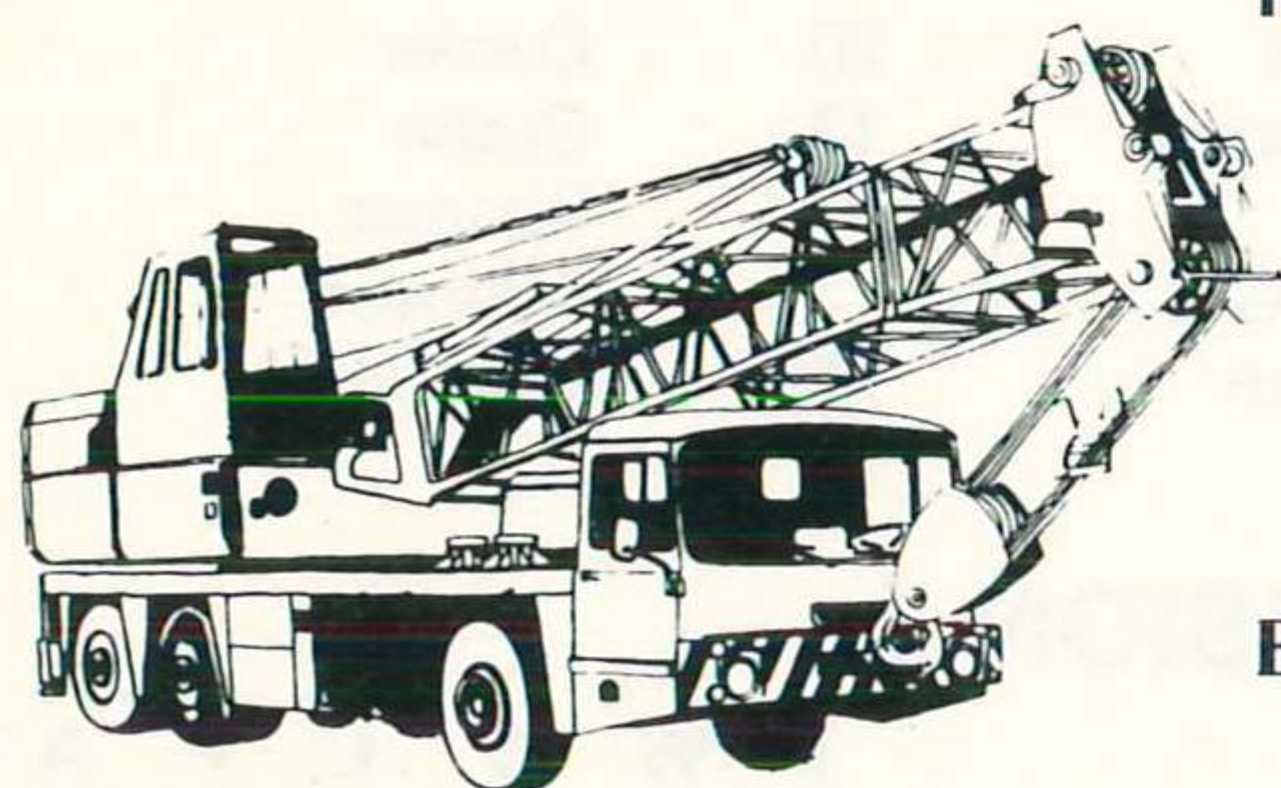
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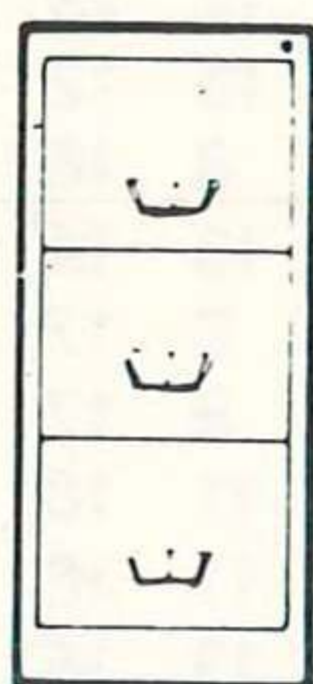
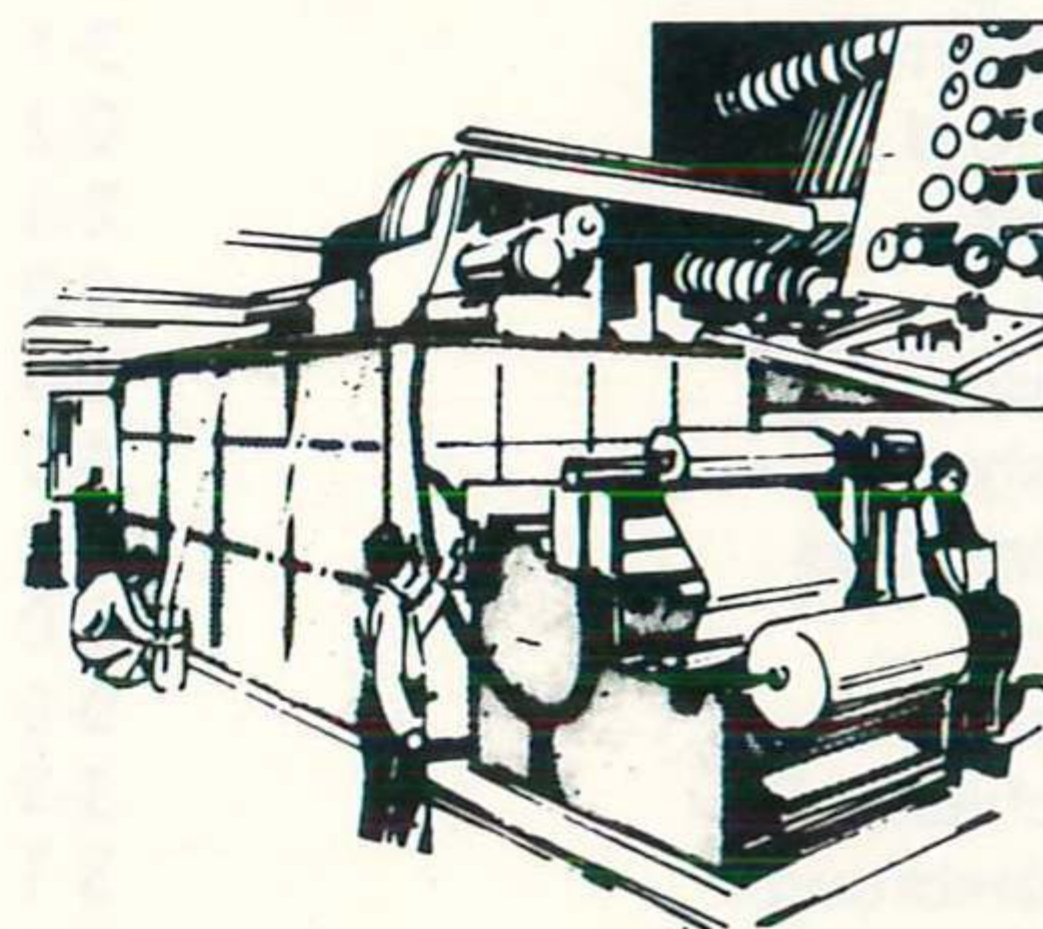
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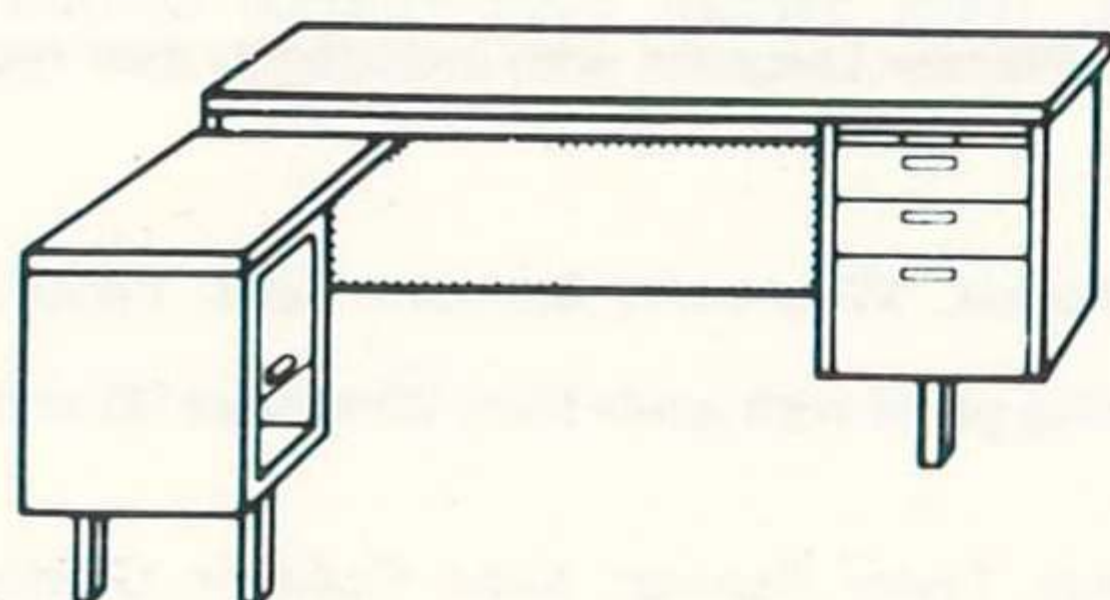
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Action

John Byrom, former Bolton Wanderers star, back in action playing for the celebrities team against the Piccadilly Radio attackers at the Junior Whites open day held at Bromwich St. training ground.

Inset: Dusan Nikolic gets the touch that scored the Wanderers' first goal against Bury.

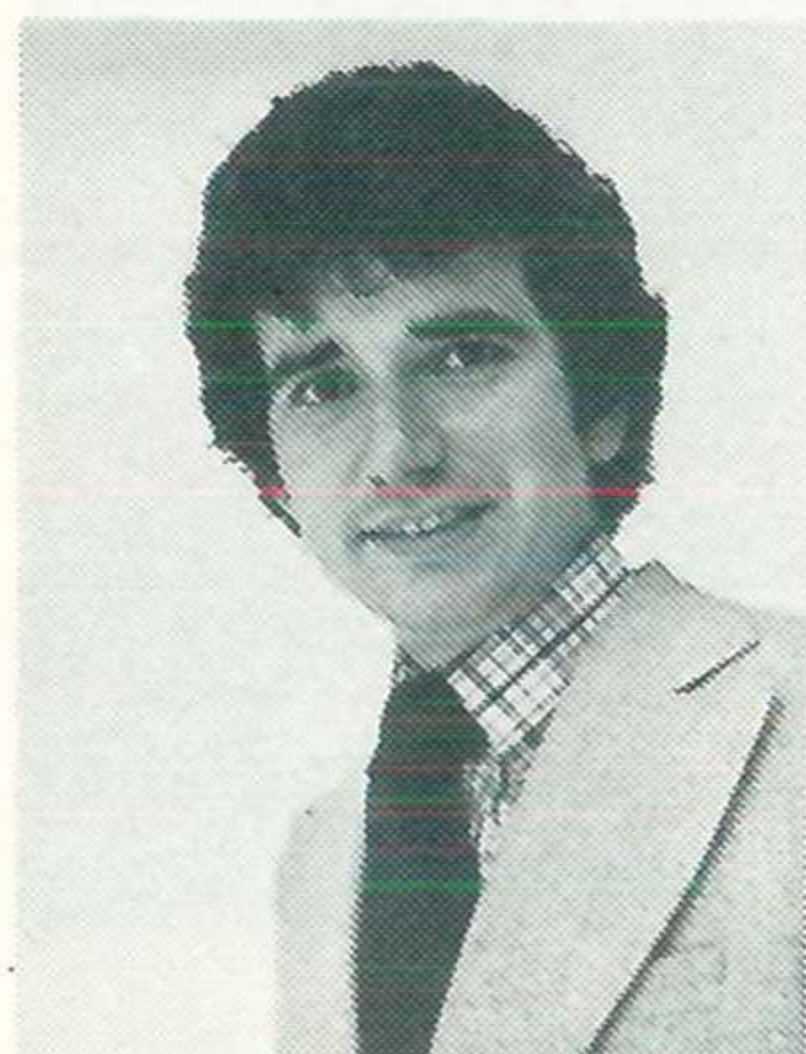


Burnden Park NEWS



Certain things happened in the North West this summer to awake even the most disillusioned football fan. How about Tommy Docherty's appointment at Preston to start with.

"I guarantee we'll win plenty of fans" vowed the Doc whose reputation for the champagne life both on and off the pitch is widely known.



ELTON WELSBY

Talking of champagne I've spent time with two other flamboyant managers who've been known to take a sip every now and again. Those natty dressers Ron Atkinson of Manchester United and his opposite at City, John Bond. They popped into our studios a couple of

weeks ago and what a lively session it turned out to be.

"Make it chilled and not billed", said Atkinson, referring to the champagne. Always happy to oblige. The conversation was stim-

ulating, especially when Bond predicted that football as we know it in this country will be non-existent in the 1990's.

Back in 1972 another of City's colourful figures, Rodney Marsh, said roughly the same thing. The predicted crisis is fast approaching. I trust people who laughed at Marsh will pay more heed to Bond. And don't forget when Marsh was glancing into his crystal ball, the game was far more prosperous than it is now!

The first step on the road to recovery, according to Bond, is to make drastic changes in the current transfer system. Atkinson who'd just offered £1½ million for Bryan Robson, agreed. Hypocritical? No, they both retorted. "It's the law of the jungle, we've got to survive. The answer lies with the League Chairmen. They are the only people who can change the rules." It was all good stuff. So follow the exploits of Atkinson and Bond, not only in this column, but wherever North West football is reported. Big Ron has a way of heating up his rival with a great repertoire of one line witticisms, while Bond rarely allows anyone else to have the last word!

The busiest operator in the transfer market this summer has been Everton's manager Howard Kendall. It was seven new signings at the last count, reviving memories of Malcolm Allison's blitzkrieg at Maine Road three years ago. Kendall's job, though, was done tastefully. His last signing was the most predictable, goalkeeper Jim Arnold from Blackburn Rovers. Near the end of last season I discovered Kendall's regard for the ex part timer from Stafford Rangers.

Blackburn's strikers had been going through a lean spell, so Kendall ordered a special shooting session in the hope of boosting the players' confidence. The attempt failed due to Arnold's excellence in goal. Not knowing whether to laugh or cry, Kendall told me that he couldn't recall one occasion last season when Arnold had cost Blackburn a goal. Factually he conceded nine goals in twenty appearances. Sounds like a bargain for Goodison.

So little has been said about the new three points for a win system, it's hard to believe that a fresh era in football is almost with us. Of course it won't transform the game, but every little helps.

Another major innovation is Queens Park Rangers brave experiment with an artificial pitch at Loftus Road. Few players are in favour, though. Even Rangers' Tony Currie has said it won't help the ball players. Others are complaining (somethings never change) about the increasing possibility of injuries.

Now to the good news. Contrary to popular belief over 300 ex-footballers are not searching for jobs following the explosion of free transfers at the end of last season. That heartening information was passed on by Gordon Taylor, Cliff Lloyd's successor as PFA Secretary. Taylor, who played for Bolton, Blackburn, Birmingham and Bury, told me: "The position is much healthier than anyone predicted." Propaganda? "Not in the slightest", he said. "We've been working overtime at the PFA to get players fixed up, quite a few of them abroad. There are more pros than ever before", argues Taylor. "Clubs are taking on more youngsters in the hope of producing their own players."

The return of KICK OFF is always my signal that a new season is about to take off. It was

strange last night, however, to be without Gerald Sinstadt. He left Granada as the end of last season to work in an administrative



MARTIN TYLER

capacity for the National Video Centre in London, a company which specialises in the making and marketing of ballet and opera cassettes.

I've never seen anyone do as much preparatory work as Gerry. A complete professional who missed only six KICK OFF shows out of 352, going back to 1972.

My new colleague, Martin Tyler, is another meticulous worker. He joined us from Yorkshire Television and will prove to be an able successor.

Hope we both have good teams worth watching!



Ladies from the Bolton Wanderers Supporters Association line up with their opponents former Wanderers' stars before their game at the Junior Whites open day held at Bromwich St. training ground.

Facts & Figures 1980-81

HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS

*Denotes Sub used		FA	Attn	Peac	Grav	Burk	Wisc	Jone	Wals	Gow	Whar	Carte	Kidd	Canter	Benn	Hogg	Nowa	Clem	MCE	Nich	Pool	Thom	Nikol	Reid	Moore	Thom	Brenn	Scorers	
Aug.	16 Notts County	1-2	7,459	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12														Whatmore
	19 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-0	15,926	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12													Kidd(3) Whatmore
	23 NEWCASTLE	4-0	11,835	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12												
	26 L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	0-3	9,913	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			11	12												
	30 Derby County	0-1	17,378	1		3		5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2											Kidd
Sept.	2 L.C. Crystal Palace	1-2	15,536	1	3			5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2											Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)
	6 BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	8,712	1	3	12		6	7	8	9	10	4			11		2	5										Walsh
	13 Cardiff	1-1	6,532	1	3	12		6	9	8			10	4		11	7	2											Whatmore
	20 SWANSEA	1-4	9,419	1	3	9		6	5	8			10	4		11	7	3	12										Cantello
	27 Oldham	1-1	10,174		2	3	12	5	6	9	8		10	4		11					1	7							Thompson, Gowling
Oct.	4 CHELSEA	2-3	11,888		2	3		5	6	9	8		10	4		12					1	7	11						Carter, Kidd
	7 Shrewsbury Town	2-1	5,077		12	3	7	5	6	9		8	10	4							2	1	11						Kidd
	11 Queens Park Rangers	1-3	8,641			3	7	5	6	9	8	11	10	4	12						2	1							Gowling
	18 BRISTOL CITY	1-1	8,988		2	11		5	6	9	12	8	10	4							3	1		7					Carter, Whatmore
	21 PRESTON NORTH END	2-1	10,713		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4	12						1			7					Kidd
	25 West Ham United	1-2	25,277		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4							12	1		7					Kidd (3), Whatmore, Hoggan, Cantello
Nov.	1 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	6-1	8,016		3			5	6	11	8	9	10	4	12						2	1		7					Hoggan
	8 Watford	1-3	11,296			3		5	5	11	8		10	4	12	9					2	1		7					
	11 Sheffield Wednesday	0-2	16,262		2	3	12	5	6	11	8		10			9								7					
	22 GRIMSBY TOWN (1)	1-1	9,031		2	3		5	6	4	8	9	10			11						1	4		7				
	25 NOTTS COUNTY	3-0	7,344		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9			3		1			7	12				Hoggan
	29 Luton Town	2-2	8,300		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9			3	7	1								Wilson (2), Kidd
	6 ORIENT	3-1	8,228		2		4	5	6	11	8		10			9			3	7	1								Whatmore (2)
Dec.	13 Bristol City (2)	1-3	7,384		2		4	5		11	8		10			9			3	7	1								Whatmore, Kidd (2)
	19 QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-2	6,315		2	3	4	5		11	8		10			9			6	7	1	12							Gowling (pen)
	26 Wrexham	1-0	7,635		2		4			11	8		10		6	9			3	7	1		5						Gowling
	27 BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	18,184	1	2		4			11		12	10		6	9			3				7						Whatmore
1981															6	9			3					8	5				Hoggan
Jan.	3 Nottingham Forest (FAC3)	3-3	22,520	1	2		4	5		11	8		10			9			6	12									Hoggan(2), Whatmore
	6 NOTTINGHAM F. (FAC3R)	0-1	22,799	1	2		4			11	8		10			9			3	5									
	10 Grimsby Town	0-4	9,320	1	2		4			5			10		11	9			3	12									
	24 DERBY COUNTY	3-1	9,937	1	2		4	5		11			10			9			3			12	7						Gowling(2), Thomas
	31 Newcastle United	1-2	19,108	1	2		4	5			8		10			9			3										Bennett
Feb.	7 CARDIFF CITY	4-1	8,115	1	2		4	5		11			10		11	9			3				7						Thomas (2), Wilson, Nikolic
	14 Bristol Rovers (5)	1-2	5,368		2		12	5		11	8				10	9			3			12	7						Gowling
	24 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	2-0	9,641	1	2	4	12	5		11	8				4	9			3										
	28 Swansea City	0-3	9,468		2	4		5		11	8					9			3			1	12	7					Whatmore, Thomas
Mar.	7 Chelsea (6)	0-2	12,948		2				5	11	8		10	4		12			3										
	14 SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)	0-2	7,900		2	3			5	11	8		10	4		12			6										
	24 Preston North End	2-1	8,505					5	3	11	8		12	6		10					2	1		7	9				Reid, Gowling
	28 WEST HAM UNITED	1-1	13,271					5	3	11	8		12	6		10					2	1		7	4				Whatmore
Apr.	4 Cambridge United	3-2	4,512					5	3	11	8			6		10			12										Reid, Nikolic, Whatmore
	11 WATFORD (SF)	2-1	8,461				6	5	3	11	8		12			10					2	1		7	4				Thomas, Whatmore
	17															10					2	1		7	4				
	18 Blackburn Rovers	0-0	16,357					5	3	11	8		12	6		10													
	20 WREXHAM	1-1	6,194					5		11	8		12	6		10					2	1		7	4				Kidd (pen)
	26 Orient 11.30 a.m.	2-2	3,824					5	3	11	8			6		10					2	1		7	4				Gowling, Whatmore
May	2 LUTON TOWN	0-3	7,278	1				5	6	11	8	12		4							2			7	10				
	9 F.A. Cup Final																												
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CENTRAL LEAGUE

1980-81	CENTRAL LEAGUE	F	A
Aug.	SHEFFIELD WED. Manchester United	1	2
	Coventry City	1	3
Sept.	Manchester City Bury	1	6
	NOTTINGHAM F. Liverpool	0	3
Oct.	LEEDS UNITED WEST BROM A.	2	2
	STOKE CITY Preston N.E.	1	0
	HUDDERSFIELD T. Blackpool	0	4
Nov.	BURNLEY MANCHESTER UNITED	3	3
	Sheffield W. Aston Villa	2	5
	Derby County WOLVERHAMPTON W.	P	2
Dec.	Sheffield United NEWCASTLE UNITED	0	2
	BLACKPOOL Derby County	1	1
	Leeds United DERBY COUNTY	0	5
	Everton	2	4
1981		1	0
Jan.	EVERTON ASTON VILLA	0	3
	Blackburn Rovers Stoke City	2	1
Feb.	MANCHESTER CITY COVENTRY CITY	0	1
	BURY West Bromwich A.	2	0
Mar.	PRESTON N.E. Huddersfield Town	0	3
	Liverpool SHEFFIELD UNITED	0	2
Apr.	Nottingham Forest Burnley	1	2
	BLACKBURN ROVERS Newcastle United	2	3
May	Wolverhampton W.	0	3

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

FINAL TABLE 1980-81

	HOME GOALS			AWAY GOALS			GOALS			A Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	42	19	1	1	53	12	9	9	3	26	17	66
Notts. County	42	10	8	3	26	15	8	9	4	23	23	53
Swansea City	42	12	5	4	39	19	6	9	6	25	25	50
Blackburn Rovers	42	12	8	1	28	7	4	10	7	14	22	50
Luton Town	42	10	6	5	35	23	8	6	7	26	23	48
Derby County	42	9	8	4	34	26	6	7	8	23	26	45
Grimsby Town	42	10	8	3	21	10	5	7	9	23	32	45
Queens Park Rangers	42	11	7	3	36	12	4	6	11	20	34	43
Watford	42	13	5	3	34	18	3	6	12	16	27	43
Sheffield Wednesday	42	14	4	3	38	14	3	4	14	15	37	42
Newcastle United	42	11	7	3	22	13	3	7	11	8	32	42
Chelsea	42	8	6	7	27	15	6	6	9	19	26	40
Cambridge United	42	13	1	7	36	23	4	5	12	17	42	40
Shrewsbury Town	42	9	7	5	33	22	2	10	9	13	25	39
Oldham Athletic	42	7	9	5	19	16	5	6	10	20	32	39
Wrexham	42	5	8	8	22	24	7	6	8	21	21	38
Orient	42	9	8	4	34	20	4	4	13	18	36	38
Bolton Wanderers	42	10	5	6	40	27	4	5	12	21	39	38
Cardiff City	42	7	7	7	23	24	5	5	11	21	36	36
Preston North End	42	8	7	6	28	26	3	7	11	13	36	36
Bristol City	42	6	10	5	19	15	1	6	14	10	36	30
Bristol Rovers	42	4	9	8	21	24	1	4	16	13	41	23

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TODAYS REFEREE

GILBERT J. NAPTHINE, (Loughborough). Began refereeing in 1959 in Junior and Senior Leagues in Leicestershire. Promoted to Football Combination in 1966 and then to the Football League in 1971. Officiated in the Anglo-Scottish Semi-Final in

1980, a European Cup Quarter Final in 1979 and three semi-final matches in 1980.

Hobbies include cricket, tennis, swimming and gardening. Married with three children and is an assistant engineer. A past Chairman of the Football Combination Referees' and Linesmen's Association, he is also a referee instructor.

LINESMEN:

D. D. Crone (Liverpool) Red Flag
A. Jones (Wirral) Yellow Flag



Team Check

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Ian Brennan
- 4 Gerry McElhinney
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Alan Gowling
- 7 John Thomas
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 David Hoggan
- 10 Len Cantello
- 11 Peter Reid
- 12

Oldham Athletic

- 1 Peter McDonnell
- 2 Nick Sinclair
- 3 John Ryan
- 4 Ged Keegan
- 5 Ken Clements
- 6 Paul FUTcher
- 7 Paul Heaton
- 8 Roger Palmer
- 9 Jim Steel
- 10 Rodger Wylde
- 11 Paul Atkinson
- 12

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY IPSWICH TOWN		
B	BRIGHTON & H. A. SWANSEA CITY		
C	LIVERPOOL MIDDLESBROUGH		
D	NOTTS. COUNTY MANCHESTER CITY		
E	SOUTHAMPTON WOLVERHAMPTON W.		
F	CAMBRIDGE UNITED DERBY COUNTY		
G	QUEENS PARK RANGERS LUTON TOWN		
H	SHREWSBURY TOWN BLACKBURN ROVERS		
I	WATFORD GRIMSBY TOWN		
J	AFC BOURNEMOUTH FULHAM		
K	ALDERSHOT WIMBLEDON		
L	BRISTOL CITY WALSALL		
M	BURY CARLISLE UNITED		
N	COLCHESTER UNITED GILLINGHAM		
O	DARLINGTON ROTHERHAM UNITED		
P	DONCASTER ROVERS CHESTERFIELD		
Q	HALIFAX TOWN PRESTON NORTH END		
R	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN ROCHDALE		
S	NORTHAMPTON TOWN HARTLEPOOL UNITED		
T	ORIENT MILLWALL		
U	SCUNTHORPE UNITED MANSFIELD TOWN		
V	SHEFFIELD UNITED YORK CITY		
W	TRANMERE ROVERS BURNLEY		
X	WREXHAM SWINDON TOWN		

BURNDEN DATES

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